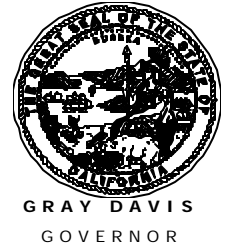




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The State Mining and Geology Board (SMGB) intends to adopt a regulation for the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975 (Public Resources Code Sections 2710 et seq.) at its regular business meeting on November 20, 2003, adding Section 3805.5 to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations. This regulation deals with the final release of financial assurances upon the completion of reclamation at a surface mine.

For additional information contact the SMGB office at (916) 322-1082, or view the SMGB's web site at: <http://www.consrv.ca.gov/smgb>

The public is encouraged to comment on the adoption of these proposed regulations during the meeting, which will be held in Sacramento.

Mission of the State Mining and Geology Board is to Represent the State's Interest in the Development, Utilization and Conservation of Mineral Resources; Reclamation of Mined Lands; Development of Geologic and Seismic Hazard Information; and to Provide a Forum for Public Redress